

REMARKS

No claims are amended, claims 1-24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 25-47 are added; as a result, claims 25-47 are now pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,452, claims 1-48 of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,182, and claims 1-55 of U.S. Patent No. 6,509,278. This rejection is now moot in view of cancellation of claims 1-24.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is now moot in view of cancellation of claims 1-24.

CONCLUSION

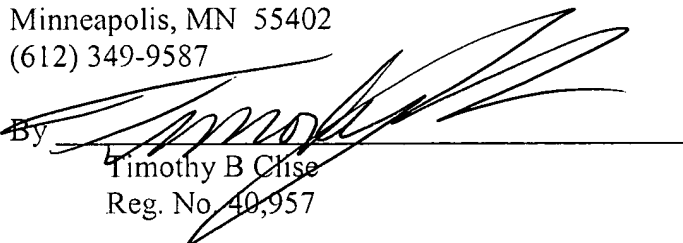
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims and are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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